

Newsham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes Wednesday 25th March 2026

1. **Present** Cllr. C Brown, Cllr. L Taylor, Cllr. R De'Ath, Cllr. M Markwick, Cllr. M Hall

County Cllr. A Thompson attended

4 members of the public attended

The chairman invited residents to raise any matters not addressed on the agenda.
No matters were raised.

2. **Apologies** - None

3. **Declaration of interest** - None

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting on 28.1.26 were agreed and signed by Cllr. MH and Cllr. CB

5. **Hope Moor Wind Farm**

- Cllr. CB gave a summary of the initial Community Liaison Meeting which involved representatives from Fred Olsen Renewables eleven PC`s/PM`s
- There were very little further details shared by the developer
- Stage 1 public consultation starting in late April will be extended into May/ June 2026
- Fred Olsen Renewables are considering inviting an Action Group representative to future Community Liaison Group meetings.
- C. Cllr. Thompson informed Cllr that NYC planning officer Jessica Harrison will be dealing with this case. He noted that it will be critical that NYC and DCC work together. Cllr CB suggested to C Cllr AT that it was key that inter -County Council communication should be at a senior level
- Resident SM updated the meeting regarding the relatively small number of responses to the Action Group's request for community feedback by completing a form regarding receptors for the scoping report.
- There has been a lack of response from the local community both in attending meetings and responding to the Action Group's form regarding the scoping report.
- The Parish Council will encourage people to have a voice / opinion regarding the proposed wind farm by spreading information both via the PC website and communication to each village property

6. **C. Cllr. A Thompson Report**

Designer Outlet

C.Cllr.A Thompson has monthly contact with the developer.

The public will be able to buy shares in the company at some point

A new transformer will be required for the designer electricity provision for which the Developer will have to pay.

Home school Transport - School transport in Newsham for secondary age pupils is free to Teesdale School.

Families wishing their child to attend Richmond School will pay £818 per year for school transport.

Hodgsons bus company have adjusted their fares to offer transport to Richmond School pupils for £1 per journey for under 19's

7. Precept

Cllr. RCD reported that there had been a reduction in the precept for Newsham Parish residents of 4.4%

NYC council tax has increased by 5%

The Mayoral General (Fire) has increased by 9%

The Mayoral Police & Crime has increased by 4.7%

The above represent a total council tax increase of 5.1%

Cllr. CB asked C. Cllr. A Thompson if there had been any savings delivered since the creation of the unitary authority in North Yorkshire. C. Cllr Thompson stated that there had been savings of between £60m and £65m to date but did not have a forecast for future savings.

8. Planning Applications

ZD25/00754/AORM

Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) further to Outline Permission 21/00397/OUT

Land For Development Moor Lane Newsham North Yorkshire

Cllr. LT informed Cllrs that the application has been approved but that the points raised by the parish council have been considered and amendments incorporated in the application

ZD25/00229/OUT

Outline planning permission for a four-bedroom detached dwelling in respect of access, landscape and scale

Field To Rear of Ivy House Hill Top Newsham Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7RD

Adjustments have been made to the plans following parish council concerns.
Awaiting decision

ZD26/00107/FULL

Full planning application for the conversion of and extension to the Smallways Country Inn to form 4 no. residential dwellings.

Cllrs discussed this planning application. No formal objections were raised but, as with the previous application for this site, the PC will register concerns that if sufficient resident and visitor parking capacity is not incorporated then this would lead to overspill parking and safety issues on the adjacent narrow carriageway.

Action Cllr BD immediately

ZD25/00608/FULL

Full planning permission for alterations and extension including the demolition of existing garage and replacement with a new garage and home office

Green Lodge Dark Lane Newsham Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7QZ

The local authority has approved the application

9. Financial Statement

The Clerk shared account details and bank statements for the current and Reserve accounts. There have been no transactions since December 2025.

Cllrs agreed and approved the accounts.

10. Any Other Business

- Cllr. MH informed Cllrs that he had identified and forwarded details of various grants available to the village hall committee.

Village Carnival

Cllr. MM asked on behalf of the village hall committee if the annual Carnival could be held on the village green. Cllrs agreed to this request but stated that the track must be kept clear and that a plan of the carnival layout be shared with the Parish Council. An email will be sent to VH secretary confirming this.

Sandbags

Cllr. MM shared the concern of the village hall committee that some of the sandbags were broken and that the site appeared untidy. Cllr. MM confirmed that he would remove the broken sandbags and tidy the site.

Action Cllr M.M by April 15th

Daffodils on the village green

Cllr. MM reported on behalf of the village hall committee that there were generally positive comments about the daffodils planted on the village green.

It was noted that there are three different varieties of low growing daffodils, chosen to minimize untidy dieback after flowering and to allow for easier mowing prior to Carnival.

Cllr. MM enquired whether more bulbs would be planted in the future.

Cllr. CB confirmed that funds were available to allow further planting and a plan was already in place to do this in Sept or Oct 2026

Erosion of Grass Verges

The council is aware of the erosion of grass verges in the village and would urge anyone seeing a vehicle causing damage to get the registration number or company name and report it to them.

There being no further business and the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of the next meeting

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 27th May 2026 and be followed immediately by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Signed



C. A. Taylor

Date

25.5.26

27/5/2026